

Using the present and near future tenses

- To tell whether a verb is in the present tense in Spanish, look at the verb ending.
Escucho música. **I listen to music.**
- A verb in the near future tense is easy to spot as it is made up of three parts.
1 part of the verb **ir** (to go) **2** the word **a** **3** an infinitive verb (ending in **-ar**, **-er** or **-ir**)
(1) **Voy** (2) **a** (3) **escuchar** música. *I'm going to listen to music.*

A Fill in the gaps in English in the verb table.

Present tense		Near future tense	
<i>I go out</i>	salgo	voy a salir	
	hago	voy a hacer	<i>I'm going to do</i>
	voy	voy a ir	<i>I'm going to go</i>
<i>I dance</i>	bailo	voy a bailar	
	llevo	voy a llevar	<i>I'm going to wear</i>
<i>we listen</i>	escuchamos	vamos a escuchar	
<i>I eat</i>	como	voy a comer	
	vemos	vamos a ver	<i>we're going to see/watch</i>

B Translate the time expressions in 1–7 into Spanish. Find out the mystery time expression by reordering the greyed out letters, then write its translation.

- 1 never
- 2 sometimes
- 3 tomorrow
- 4 always
- 5 often
- 6 next time
- 7 from time to time
- T _____

C Circle the most suitable verb form and indicate if the sentence is in the present **P** or in the near future tense **F**.

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| 1 Siempre | hago / voy a hacer | mis deberes. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 La próxima vez | chateo / voy a chatear | por internet. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 De vez en cuando | voy / voy a ir | al cine. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 Mañana | salimos / vamos a salir | con los amigos. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 Nunca | comemos / vamos a comer | ensalada. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

D Complete each sentence with a time phrase and a verb.

- 1 Normalmente llevo ropa de deporte. _____ un vestido.
- 2 A menudo escucho música. _____ la tele.
- 3 _____ con mis amigos. Mañana voy a salir con mis padres.